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SUBJECT: SISCO STATEMENT TO MAARIV CORRESPONDENT ON
AFTERMATH OF SC VETO

1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY SISCO HAD LENGTHY
DISCUSSION JULY 30 WITH ISRAELI EDITOR IN CHIEF ARIEH
DISSENTCHIK AND WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT SHMUEL SEGEV OF
MAARIV. AT CONCLUSION OF DISCUSSION SISCO APPROVED
SEGEV BEING ABLE TO QUOTE HIM AS FOLLOWS:

A. BEGIN TEXT I BELIEVE HISTORY WILL SHOW THAT OUR
VETO AVOIDED AN OUTCOME IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL WHICH,
WHILE SOME MIGHT HAVE HAILED IT AS A VICTORY AT THE TIME,
WOULD HAVE PROVEN A PYRRHIC VICTORY IN THE LONG RUN. I
BELIEVE HISTORY WILL SHOW THAT OUR DECISION TO VETO, WHICH
WAS NOT TAKEN LIGHTLY OR WITHOUT COST, HAS KEPT OPEN THE
OPPORTUNITY FOR PROGRESS TOWARD A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT. I
HOPE HISTORY WILL SHOW THAT THIS OPPORTUNITY IS NOT MISSED,
AS SO MANY HAVE BEEN BEFORE. WE BELIEVE THE PARTIES HAVE
AN OBLIGATION TO THEMSELVES AND TO THE WORLD TO REVIEW
THEIR POSITIONS AND TO SEEK NEW APPROACHES THAT COULD GET
A GENUINE NEGOTIATING PROCESS STARTED. IT IS NOT FOR US
TO TELL THE PARTIES IN SPECIFIC TERMS WHAT THOSE APPROACHES
SHOULD BE.

B. SO FAR AS ISRAEL IS CONCERNED, HOWEVER, I BELIEVE
THERE ARE THINGS IT COULD AND SHOULD DO TO PRIME THE PUMP
OF NEGOTIATIONS. THE U.S. CONTINUES TO BE READY TO BE
HELPFUL. SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM'S PROPOSED VISIT TO
THE AREA TO CONSULT WITH THE PARTIES ALSO OFFERS AN EARLY
OPPORTUNITY. THE SECRETARY GENERAL HAS OUR FULL SUPPORT
IN HIS EFFORTS, AND WE TRUST THE PARTIES WILL GIVE HIM
FULL AND IMAGINATIVE COOPERATION. END TEXT. ROGERS

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